

Claims:

1. Method for accepting and/or authenticating documents, especially banknotes, wherein the document is fed to a verification unit by means of an input unit, the document is authenticated and released for further processing,

characterized in that

the authentication process is performed with a combination of at least two different verification processes.

2. Method pursuant to claim 1, characterized in that at least two verification methods from the group that comprises especially size verification, magnetic verification, image verification, infrared verification, UV verification, visual verification and others are used.
3. Method pursuant to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the results of the verification methods are compared.
4. Method pursuant to one of the claims 1 through 3, characterized in that a visual verification process is conducted.
5. Method pursuant to one of the claims 1 through 4, characterized in that the visual verification is performed as a function of the value of the document.
6. Method pursuant to one of the claims 1 through 5, characterized in that the visual verification is performed as a function of authentication certainty.
7. Method pursuant to one of the claims 1 through 6, characterized in that the document is accepted with positive authentication and rejected with negative authentication.

8. Device for accepting and/or authenticating documents, especially banknotes,

characterized by

at least two verification stations, each of which performs a different verification process for authentication of the document, and a computer unit for comparing the results of the verification stations.